

HOUSE BILL 1898

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 65, relative to
conflicts of interest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, is amended by adding the following
language as a new chapter:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Elected official" means a person holding any state or local public
office filled by the voters;

(2) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, stepchild, sibling,
stepsibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, and adoptive
relationships; and

(3) "Utility" means any person, municipality, county, metropolitan
government, electric cooperative, telephone cooperative, board, commission,
district or any entity created or authorized by public act, private act, or general
law to provide electricity, natural gas, water, waste water services, telephone
services, or any combination thereof, for sale to consumers in any particular
service area.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in addition to any other
qualification to become a member or commissioner of a utility board, a member or
commissioner of a utility board shall not:

(1) Be an employee of the utility;

(2) Be an elected official; or

(3) Have an immediate family member who is an employee of the utility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to appointments made to utility boards on or after the effective date of this act.